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## **LEMONT RESIDENT HONORED BY JUSTINIAN SOCIETY**

Joseph A. Schillaci, director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, was honored Wednesday, Sept. 26 during the annual installation dinner of the Justinian Society of Lawyers at the Palmer House in Chicago. Mr. Schillaci received the organization's Communication and Law Award from attorney John G. Locallo, president of the largest ethnic bar association in the state of Illinois.

The award honors Mr. Schillaci as an outstanding individual and in recognition of his contributions to the administration of law in Illinois.

Mr. Schillaci, a resident of Lemont, has been the director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts since May 1997. The position Mr. Schillaci holds is authorized by the Illinois Constitution to aid the Illinois Supreme Court and Chief Justice Moses W. Harrison II in fulfilling administrative and supervisory duties over the entire Illinois court system, which includes more than 900 judges.

The director's office conducts training for all judges in the state, assists committees reviewing Supreme Court rules changes, collects and publishes statistical information on caseloads and case flow in the Illinois court system, prepares the state judicial system budget and organizes all payrolls for judicial personnel and court reporters.

The director also serves as secretary of the Illinois Courts Commission, which is charged under the Constitution with disciplining judges for improper conduct.

Before being appointed Director, Mr. Schillaci had served as deputy director since January 1995.

Mr. Schillaci was born in Chicago and is a graduate of Governors State University. He began his service to the Judicial Branch in 1986 as Administrator of the First District of the Illinois Appellate Court. He served as Executive Assistant to the Supreme Court from 1991 through 1994.

Mr. Schillaci and his wife, Pamela, have two children.